

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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PROJECT PURPOSE

The transportation network around the Colerain intersection was originally intended as a temporary solution until the Colerain Modified Expressway (CME) was constructed and operational. Since the CME was abandoned and never constructed, the local road network in Northside has declined due to an increase of traffic and automobile accidents. The proposed project involves improving the capacity of US 27 at the Colerain Avenue, Virginia Avenue, and West Fork Road intersection by providing additional lanes to reduce traffic congestion. Other improvements such as a modernized traffic signal and intersection realignment will be considered to improve capacity, reduce congestion and increase motorist and pedestrian safety.



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WHAT WILL THIS PROJECT DO FOR THE AREA?

REDUCE CONGESTION

Congestion can be improved by addressing the identified capacity issues at the Colerain intersection. One solution is to realign and add through and turn lanes to the crossroads of Virginia Avenue and West Fork Road and along Colerain Avenue. This will allow motorists to properly and safely turn at the intersection and reduce the amount of traffic stopped at the intersection.

IMPROVE SAFETY

The identified safety issues appear to be predominately caused by congestion at the intersection, particularly during morning and evening rush hours. Therefore, additional lanes will assist in reducing crashes along Colerain Avenue by providing more greenlight time for Colerain traffic and reducing the number of stopped vehicles at the intersection.

BOOST INTERCITY AND REGIONAL MOBILITY

Because several communities near Northside use the local road network to connect to I-74 and other routes, regional mobility will also be enhanced through capacity-related improvements. An improved Colerain Avenue intersection will better serve both local and regional trips that use this intersection.

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Solicit public comment (from tonight's meeting) and incorporate public input.
- Begin preliminary engineering on selected conceptual alternatives.
- Conduct environmental studies on the chosen alternatives.
- Hold second public meeting.
- Select preferred alternative.
- Begin design of the preferred alternative.